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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 10TH MAY, 1874.

五十九

PRICE \$1 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

May 13, YOUTUNG, Brit. str., 323, Rasmussen, Swatow, 12th May, General—Kwock Achong.
May 14, ALEX, British steamer, 814, Smith, from Canton, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.
May 14, NAWIN, British steamer, 1,830, Nabb, Calcutta, April 23rd, Penang 1st May, and Singapore 7th, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Departures.

May 14, YUNG-CHING, str., for Shanghai.
May 14, MAURE, for Taka.
May 14, H.L.C.M., gun-boat, SULTAN, for Canton.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
MAY 14TH
Looon, str., for Swatow, &c.
Sing-ka-chen-koon, for Bangkok.

Passengers.

Per Youtung, str., from Swatow:
63 Chinese.
Per Nankin, str., from Calcutta, &c.:—
Mr. Fisher and 187 Chinese deck.
Per Looon, str., for Swatow, &c.:—
28 Chinese.

Reports.

The British steamship *Youtung* reports left Calcutta on 23rd April, Penang on the 1st May, and Singapore on the 7th. Had fine weather and S.E. winds in the China Sea.

The British steamship *Youtung* reports left Swatow on 12th May, had light Southerly breeze with hazy weather the first part, latter part variable winds with heavy rain, thunder, and lightning. In Swatow, the steamships *Consolidation* and *Chingkang*.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.
(Corrected to Date.)

Vessel's Name.	Date.
St. J. V. J. ...	Dec. 3
Lydian ...	Dec. 25
Betasia ...	Dec. 30
Deacon ...	Jan. 15
Catherine ...	Jan. 15
Aventurine ...	Jan. 20
Swiftsure ...	Jan. 30
Dorset ...	Jan. 30
Leonee (*) ...	Feb. 8
Alexander ...	Feb. 13
Golden Spur ...	Feb. 18
Elizabeth Douglas ...	Feb. 18
Waltzika ...	Feb. 19
Frances ...	Feb. 22
G. T. Pearson ...	Feb. 22
Ourier ...	Feb. 22
Argus ...	March 3
Warr. (s) ...	March 4
New Hope ...	March 4
Orbison ...	March 9
Everard ...	March 10
J. Christian ...	March 11
Morning Light ...	March 18
F. M. Thayer ...	March 21
Luthie Rich ...	March 21
Atlantic ...	March 21
Nestor (s) ...	March 22
Star of India ...	March 22
J. Christian ...	March 24
Japan (s) ...	March 31

Auction Sales 10-4.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
At 12 noon,
Sundries Goods, &c.

NOTICE.

LIGHTNING CONDUCTORS FIXED.
ESTIMATES GIVEN.
A. MILLAR & CO.
Queen's Road.

173 Hongkong, 15th May, 1874.

LOST.

ON Saturday Evening, between the Lower Gate of the Public Gardens and Seydel's Terrace, a round CORAL BROOCH set in Gold, with three Pendants. Whoever will take it to the Office of this paper, shall receive \$5.

734 Hongkong, 11th May, 1874.

FOUND.

BY A Respectable Young Man,
A SITUATION in a Store, Warehouse,
Hotel, Smoke English, French, Spanish,
and Italian, and has good references from the
Colleagues. Address, "D.E.L." at the Office of
this paper.

13d 630 Hongkong, 5th May, 1874.

NOTICE.

W. ROBINSON, JONES & CO.
UNDERTAKERS, &c.
OFFICE—No. 9, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Memorial Stones and Monuments erected
of 137 Hongkong, 21st January, 1873.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & CO.
HOUSE, SHIP, AND STEAMBOAT
PLUMBERS.
COPPERSMITHS & BRASSFOUNDERS.
No. 1, Queen's Road East and Nassau Lane,
Opposite H.M. Naval Dock Yard.
138 Hongkong, the 15th, 1874.

NOTICE.

F. E. KERFF'S CAST STEEL WORKS,
ESSEN (GERMANY),
SOLE AGENT FOR CHINA AND
JAPAN.
1. FELI,
1671 Hongkong, Shanghai, Cologne (Germany).

NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND
SPECIAL ACT OF PARLIAMENT.
Established 1809.
CAPITAL £23,000,000.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, Agents in Hongkong for
the above Company, are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire, to the extent of £2,000,
on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same,
and following rates, subject to a discount of
20%.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses,

removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent. per annum.

Other Dwelling houses,

used only by Month, and their Contents, 1 per cent.

Godown Offices,

Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

NOTICE.

SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES,
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Not exceeding 1 year, 1/2 of the annual rate.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 1/3 of the annual rate.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 of the annual rate.
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

GILMAN & CO.

Agents.
1603 Hongkong, 8th May, 1874.

NOTICE.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong for the above Company,
are prepared to grant Marine risks at
current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO.

Agents.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1874.

NOTICE.

1471 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

Banks.

THE ANGLO-CALIFORNIAN BANK,
(LIMITED),
412, CALE ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

London Office.

3, Angel Court,

New York Agents, J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.,
Broad Street.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK.

..... \$6,000,000.

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CAPITAL STOCK.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and Responsibility of Mr. J. B.
FOLD KATE, in our firm, ceased on 30th
April last, and Mr. CHARLES KATE is this day
admitted a partner in our Firm.

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY WILLIAM DAVIS is this
day admitted a partner in our Firm
Hongkong and China.

PUDDON & CO.

1665 China, 1st May, 1874.

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REISS & CO.

40, Castle Street, Hongkong.

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY ANDREW MEYNS is authorized
to sign our Firm by proconsul.

ADAMSON, BILL & CO.

666 Shanghai, 1st May, 1874.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$5,000,000 of Dollars.

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Extracts.

THE MOUNTAIN BILL.
From the mountain, gurgling, dashing,
Or the black rocks brightly flushing,
Leaps a merry mountain stream, and sings a merry
song;
On its banks the leather growing,
Dips to kiss it in its flowing;
Dips, and thence drinks the dew drops as it rolls
Along.

Through the valley now meandering,
Down by glens and dingles wandering,
While its waters, on the glassy surface glistens, "till
The eye of man is lost in wonder;
Through the woodlands see it wending,
O'er its leathery borders bending;
It is still a beauty leading as it gilds its silver
way.

Leaving farm and mead behind it,
In the city now we sit;
Mid the throng of sweat and labour—far from glad
and ruddy fay;
Where the poorest are the weakest,
Where the rich oppresses the meekest,
Where so long shall might prevail o'er right
among the haunts of men?

Poet! stream, is this thy story?
Where is now thy pristine glory?
Hark! methinks I hear them prating down your
mountain's rugged side;
Now how changed!—no warblers chanting,

Over no pebbles gently running—
Dark and dismal flow thy waters to the ocean—
boundless tide!

Such seems life—in youth's gay morning,
See its path bays flowers alarming.
At the early years, fear onward fly all
worldly care;
Manhood comes—amid the toiling,
Taint off the earth begins;
Taint and darkness fill the sad heart, aks the grave
To rest it there!

ROBIN GASK.

Hongkong, May 1st, 1874.

A FUNNY STORY.

An old lady passenger on the Hudson River railroad, bound for Albany, would persist in asking the guard at every station "Is this was Poughkeepsie?" The guard said he would certainly inform her at the proper time, as Poughkeepsie was some distance off yet. But the dear old lady, alarmed at the frequency of the stations, was moved to rush forward and ask the guard "if this station was not Poughkeepsie?" Assured again that it was not, and that ample notice would be given when the train reached the station the anxious passenger once more relapsed into passive unconsciousness. At last Poughkeepsie was reached, and the guard, rushing into the carriage, hurried the old lady, by saying, "Here we are; this is Poughkeepsie." Judge of his surprise when, with utmost composure, the dear old lady looking over her spectacles, replied, "You don't say this is Poughkeepsie? Why, you see Marin told me to be sure and take my pill when I got to Poughkeepsie."

SEWARD AS A MEDIATOR.

AN AMUSING ENTITLEMENT OF A CHURCH QUAKER.

The following is a continued sketch from L. B. Proctor's comprehensive work, "The Bonch and Bar of New York."

Mr. Seward was a sort of standing mediator of church difficulties in this country. Contending parties in those disputes and troubles which destroy harmony and brotherly love in churches would often unit-

ly seek his mediation, and such was their confidence in him that each party would accept his advice and settle apparently irreconcileable quarrels and difficulties.

An amusing incident was once the result of an appeal to him in one of these church difficulties which had for a long time threatened the destruction of a Presbyterian church in a neighbouring town. At first it was decided to submit all these difficulties to Mr. Seward, and that his decision should be entirely conclusive. He consented to become the umpire for the parties, gave them a patient hearing, and promised to send them his decision in writing. In due time he arrived at a decision, reduced it to writing, and enclosed it in a letter to one of the leading members of the church.

At this time Mr. Seward was the owner of a farm in another part of the country which was occupied by a tenant, to whom he wrote at the time he was about to mail his decision in the case of the church. In directing the letters he intended for the church was directed to his tenant, while the one intended for the tenant was sent to the church. It was duly received by the proper officer, and to the members of the congregation assembled to hear the decision of Mr. Seward, which was to heal all difficulties and dissensions.

After calling the congregation to order the Moderator, in appropriate language explained the object of the meeting. "I hold in my hand," said he, "a paper which I have about to open and read to this assembly, which is, I have no doubt, the olive branch that is to restore harmony and prosperity to this church and congregation. It comes from one who, though a lawyer, loves the Lord and is a peacemaker." Then, breaking open Mr. Seward's letter he read the following:

"You will take particular care of that old, dangerous black bull, who often attacks people when not aware of his presence, and sometimes plunges at them openly, and you must carefully see to the repair of the fence that they are built high and strong, and also see that the water in the spring is kept pure."

There was a mystery about this advice that greatly puzzled the whole assembly, who for a long time sat in profound silence. The Moderator stood like one bewildered. Presently, however, he recovered himself enough to say:

"Brethren, I—I don't exactly—that is to say, I—I can hardly see how that applies to our case. Suppose we have a season of prayer over it and ask the Lord for instruction."

Accordingly the congregation knelt, while several of the leading members fervently addressed the Throne of Grace. When the people resumed their seats one of the oldest, most esteemed and pious members of the church arose:

"Brethren," said he, "nothing can exceed the wisdom of Mr. Seward's decision. I have no doubt the Lord directed him, when he wrote it, for it is just what we need, and I know it will restore peace and harmony among us. Look at the great wisdom. The direction, 'see to the fence,' is repeated, as if to advise us to take care of the administration and government of the members of this church."

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JOHNSON'S TALK.

His sacred love of truth and uncompromising battle of evil, in all its innumerable transmutes, prompts half his most characteristic sayings. His queer judgments take a humorous form and give a delightful zest to his conversation. His contempt for abstract speculation comes out when he vanishes Berkeley, not with a grin, but by striking his foot with mighty force against a large stone." His arguments, indeed, never seem to have much to do with what is generally meant by logic. He simply waits till his pistol misses fire to knock you down with the butt-end. The merit of his best sayings is not that they comprehend an argument, or that they are vivid expressions of an intuitive judgment. In other words, they are always humorous rather than witty. He holds his own belief with as vigorous a grasp that all argumentative devices for loosening it are thrown away.—*The Westminster Review.*

PRIMARY OBJECT OF THE SPANISH ARMADA.

Catholics had not only Protestantism to combat; it was divided against itself. Prelates altercated incompatibly with the ascendancy of the Holy See inspired the policy of Philip II., and the Pope repudiated the spread of the Spanish dominion with jealousy and alarm. In spite of all Philip's devotion, had he attained the European dictatorship he aspired to, the Bishop of Rome would have submitted into the Primate of Spain. Philip, however, was determined, as a matter of supreme necessity, to put down those English adventurers who swept the waters of Spain, and plundered his galleons on the high seas. Baron Hubner, believes, and we can hardly doubt he is right, that the primary object of the Grand Armada was to hunt out Drake and his comrades—to destroy in the English ports those light sailing vessels which slipped so easily through the great galleys of Spain. With none of these objects had sixtus much sympathy. As a Churchman and an Italian, he resented any attempts to tamper with the independence of Italian States. His object on the contrary was to link the leading States in such close relations that, under the presidency of the Pontiff, they might, despite religious differences, exert an influence disproportionate to their actual power. Sixtus, nothing but contempt for Henry III., whose fecklessness strengthened the League and the Huguenots, and threw Catholic into the arms of Spain. To the last he cherished the illusion that the English Queen (Elizabeth) might be persuaded to return to the bosom of the Roman Church, and rebuild the fabric of her father's old, though down—*From "Life and Times of Sixtus V."*

UNMISTAKABLY PLAIN INSTRUCTIONS.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underwriters have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant insurances at Current Rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

of 1869, Hongkong, 27th October, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG MARKETS.

As Reported by O'Brien on the 14th May, 1874.

COTTON GOODS.

COTTON YARNS. No. 36 per lb. 15/- per lb.

No. 42 per lb. 15/- per lb.

No. 48 per lb. 15/- per lb.

SHAWL SILKS. 7 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

10 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

15 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

20 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

Woolen Silks. 5 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

10 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

15 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

20 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

25 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

30 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

35 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

40 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

45 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

50 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

55 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

60 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

65 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

70 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

75 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

80 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

85 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

90 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

95 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

100 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

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110 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

115 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

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355 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

360 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.

365 lbs. per piece 10/- per piece.